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SUBJECT: MULTI-LATERAL AFFAIRS: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MEETING, LOME FEB. 21-28

1. NO CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES APPARENTLY RAISED AT COM SESSION
FEBRUARY 23. HOWEVER, MEETING PASSED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
BENIN AND DISPATCHED A 7-NATION COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY HEADED BY LIBYA
TO COTONOU TO REPORT ON MERCENARY INVASION. COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED
BACK IN LOME TODAY. DISCUSSION OF BENIN SITUATION PROVIDED
OPPORTUNITY FOR MAURITANIA TO DEPLORE ATTACK IT SUFFERED BY AFRICAN
MERCENARIES FROM "NEIGHBORING COUNTRY". MEETING ALSO CONSIDERED
DRAFT CONVENTION ON MERCENARIES SUBMITTED BY ANGOLA. DRAFT WAS
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REFERRED TO MEMBER STATES FOR COMMENTS. AFTER RECEIPT OF COMMENTS,
DRAFT CONVENTION WILL BE STUDIED BY COMMITTEE OF LEGAL EXPERTS
PRIOR TO THE NEXT OAU COM IN LIBREVILLE.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS A RESOLUTION IS CIRCULATING CONCERNING
THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES WHICH SINGLES OUT NEW ZEALAND FOR CRITICISM.

3. COM ALSO TOOK ACTION ON A SERIES OF NON-POLITICAL ITEMS.
BUDGET OF \$9 MILLION WAS APPROVED, A 19 0/0 INCREASE.
COOPERATION ACCORDS WITH WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
AND UNION OF AFRICAN RAILROADS WERE APPROVED, AND COM CONGRATU-
LATED THE NIGERIANS ON THE SUCCESS OF FESTAC.

4. FEBRUARY 24 SESSION PROMISES TO BE LIVELIER. COM TO TAKE
UP REPORT OF THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE CONCERNING RHODESIA,
NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND DJIBOUTI.
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